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President's Message

The NCNA Convention and Show is just around the corner, and we're looking forward to seeing you there! We have 150 dealer tables, along with ANACS grading services. Several tables have also been set aside for local coin clubs. An excellent line-up of speakers and education seminars is scheduled, with three on Friday and two on Saturday! YN programs and activities are planned on Saturday and Sunday, including a boy scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge seminar on Saturday morning. See the convention and show details below. Everyone is welcome to join us for an enjoyable weekend!

Remember to Renew your NCNA Membership in 2022!
We are well into 2022, and we're excited that many of you have renewed your NCNA membership. However, if you have not done so yet, it is not too late, so please **renew as soon as you can.** We want you to remain with us as a loyal member of the NCNA so we can continue to send you the NCNA Journal. Checkout "News from the Secretary and Treasurer" for more information on joining or renewing your NCNA membership.

I just want to remind again regarding **NCNA Young Numismatist Scholarship Program.** Young collectors and their parents should consider this great opportunity. Local clubs are encouraged to nominate deserving young club members as well. This NCNA Scholarship Program will provide one scholarship for a young numismatist to attend the 2023 ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Information about the NCNA Scholarship Program can be found on the NCNA website at ***www.NCNA.CLUB/yn-program***. Please email Bob Pedolsky, our NCNA YN Coordinator, at rpedolsky@carolina.rr.com if you have any questions regarding the scholarship application process or the program itself. **The deadline for submission of the YN Scholarship nominations for the 2023 ANA Summer Seminar is December 31st.**

Unfortunately, we were not able to get the call out in time for nominations for the **2023 NCNA officers and board of directors (BOD)** this year. Therefore the board has considered the matter and decided to extend the current term into 2023. We will make sure that the normal nomination process is followed for next year. The current slate of officers and BOD will be officially affirmed for 2023 at the upcoming NCNA General Meeting on Saturday morning of the convention.

The NCNA Officers and Board of Directors are eager to help with local club efforts, and looking to pursue new opportunities to promote the hobby.
Stay safe and take care… and of course, Happy hunting!
Greg Cheek, NCNA President

2022 NCNA Convention & Show Highlights

The 2022 NCNA Convention and Show – the Association's 64th annual show and convention – will be held the first weekend in October on Friday, Saturday and Sunday September 30 and October 1-2.

The Convention will be held again at the beautiful Cabarrus Arena and Events Center in Concord, NC. The arena complex is located at 4751 NC Highway 49 N. Show hours are 10:00am to 6:00pm on Friday and Saturday and 10:00am to 3:00pm on Sunday. Please note the schedule for the convention below.

Bourse Chair Perry Siegel and the convention team has worked hard to put together another outstanding show! The bourse will include 150 dealer tables with numismatic and philatelic treasures from the US and around the world; books and supplies will also be available. Dealers from over 12 states are confirmed for this year's show, and a great variety of material will be available to "fill holes" in most any collection!

We also have as our special guests, the folks from the **Reed Gold Mine**. They will be conduct a **GOLD PANNING** operation on the bourse floor throughout the convention and show!

Express Entry

Post cards regarding the 2022 NCNA Convention & Show will be mailed to all NCNA members. Be sure to bring your postcard to the show for express entry. You can also visit our web site at ***ncna.club*** to print a copy of the pre-registration form for express entry as well. Every minute counts when you are on the hunt!

Parking Voucher Program

The Arena will be charging a parking fee of $7.00 (credit card only) during the Convention. To help offset this expense for attendees, the NCNA has created a voucher program. Upon registering, show attendees will receive a $7.00 voucher that can be used with participating dealers at the show. The vouchers are good for a $7.00 discount on purchases.
Please note: 1) Bullion purchases are excluded from the voucher program; 2) Only one voucher per attendee per day; 3) Only one voucher per purchase with minimum $75 purchase – they can't be combined. Please let the dealer know you intend to use the voucher before making a deal and handing your parking voucher to them.

General Membership Meeting

The annual NCNA General Membership meeting will be held on Saturday, October 1 at 8:30am. The meeting is open to all show attendees – come on out ahead of the bourse's opening and meet your NCNA Board and hear the latest updates about your Association. A highlight of the meeting will be the NCNA's annual awards presentations. These awards honor outstanding contributions from numismatists across the state. Installing the 2022-2023 NCNA Officers and Board of Directors is also a part of the meeting's agenda. Refreshments will be provided, including Danish pastry, muffins, fruit, coffee, and juice.

Young Collector's Zone

On Saturday and Sunday, Bob Pedolsky, our NCNA YN Coordinator, will be hosting the "Young Collector's Zone" on the bourse floor. A "**Treasure Hunt**" will be held on Saturday and Sunday, along with other fun games and educational activities for young collectors. Bob will offer a special YN program at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM on Saturday, and another one at Noon on Sunday. All young collectors participating in the program will receive free coin prizes! A Boy Scout Merit Badge Seminar is also planned for Saturday morning.

Raffle

A gold coin raffle will be part of the Convention again this year. **Drawings for 1/10th ounce gold and one ounce silver eagles** will be done at the end of the show on Sunday afternoon. Winners need not be present. Tickets are just $1.00 each with six tickets for $5.00. Proceeds go toward the NCNA's education programs.

Convention Educational Exhibits & Seminars

The Convention will include an educational exhibit area featuring a range of displays covering many areas of the hobby – coins, bank notes, tokens, medals, etc. will all be on display. The exhibit area begins right past the registration area on the left side of the bourse floor. Please support our exhibitors! Make sure to vote for your favorite exhibit after viewing the displays!

The Convention will also feature five educational seminars throughout the convention, with three on Friday and two more on Saturday afternoon. The seminars will be held in the draped-off area at the front-left of the hall. Please see the Show Schedule below for details.

2022 NCNA Convention & Show Schedule

Friday, September 30

8:00am	Dealer & Early Bird Bourse Admittance only
9:30am – 10:00am	Early Admittance to Bourse for NCNA members
10:00am – 6:00pm	Convention Open to the Public
11:00am	**Educational Seminar** "*Did You Hear What Happened in New Orleans*? by Paul Horner
12:00 noon	**Educational Seminar** "*The Scrip Rider - Adventures of a traveling man with money in his pockets*" by Bob Schreiner
1:00pm	**Educational Seminar** "*British Coronation Medals, Charles I through Elizabeth II*" by Sanford Steelman
6:00pm	Convention Closes for the Day

Saturday, October 1

8:00am	Dealer & Early Bird Bourse Admittance only
8:30am – 9:30am	NCNA General Membership Meeting
9:30am – 10:00am	Early Admittance to Bourse for NCNA members
10:00am – 6:00pm	Convention Open to the Public
10:00am – 6:00pm	**Young Collector's Zone** open – *Coins for YNs!*
11:00am	**Young Collector Seminar** "Coin Hoards and Treasure Discoveries" by Bob Pedolsky
12:00 noon	**Educational Seminar** "*Collecting Charlotte Gold*" by David Boitnott
1:00pm	**Educational Seminar** "*Coins of the Holy Land*" by Tom Wood
2:00pm	**Young Collector Seminar** – "Coin Hoards and Treasure Discoveries" by Bob Pedolsky
6:00pm	Convention Closes for the Day

Sunday, October 2

8:00am	Dealer & Early Bird Bourse Admittance only
9:30am – 10:00am	Early Admittance to Bourse for NCNA members
10:00am – 6:00pm	Convention Open to the Public
10:00pm – 3:00pm	**Young Collector's Zone** open – Coins for YNs!
12:00 noon	**Young Collector Seminar** "Coin Hoards and Treasure Discoveries" by Bob Pedolsky
3:00pm	Convention Closes
3:00pm	**Drawings** - 1/10 oz. Gold & 1 oz. Silver Eagles

News from the Secretary & Treasurer

Halbert Carmichael is the NCNA Treasurer, and Bill Graves is the NCNA Secretary.

If you have questions regarding payment of your NCNA membership, please email Halbert at ***hhcarmichael@mindspring.com***. Halbert will continue to take care of all incoming membership applications/payments and other financial matters for the NCNA.

Please direct all NCNA membership renewals and payments to Halbert at following address: **Halbert Carmichael /NCNA**
PO Box 5625
Raleigh, NC 27605

Halbert will pass along your membership information to Bill Graves, as Bill maintains the NCNA membership records. Bill is also available to assist you with inquiries regarding membership status. You can send him an email at ***eaglecoinclub1@aol.com.***

Be watchful for important updates posted by Halbert and Bill in this section of the Journal. They both want to thank all of you who have renewed your NCNA membership in 2022! **If you've not done so yet, please renew yours as soon as you can so that you'll continue to receive the NCNA Journal**.

PLEASE NOTE: Look at the MAILING ADDRESS LABEL on your JOURNAL envelope! The label shows the year that your NCNA membership dues are paid through. **If it indicates 2021 or before, your membership renewal is due now**. If it shows 2022 or after, your membership dues are good through that year.

Are you a young numismatist or do you know a young numismatist who might be interested in applying for our NCNA YN Scholarship?
If so, please contact Bob Pedolsky, our NCNA YN Coordinator at rpedolsky@carolina.rr.com.

Notes from the Editor's Desk

We have another great edition of the 2022 NCNA Journal which is packed with the usual mix of interesting articles. They are very educational and inspire me to want to know more!

Paul Horner is always looking for something different to research. In this journal edition, he takes us back in time to early America, examining the topic of ***Wolf Scalp Receipts: A Different Kind of Money!***

Duane Higgins is our newest contributor to the journal. His article was inspired by Danny Freeman's Blast from the Past in the last edition of the journal. Duane shares photos from his own collection and his knowledge of ***World War II OPA Tokens.***

Mark Benvenuto offers up ***Looking at Two-Cent Pieces Again.*** Mark highlights the history of this short lived series, and offers up some thoughts regarding its potential again as circulating U.S. coin. This is a great follow-up to Paul Horner's article in the last issue of the journal.

In ***Getting to Know Your Board***, Perry Siegel tells the story of long time coin dealer and NCNA member Mickey Smith.

NCNA Secretary, Bill Graves, goes ***On the Record*** again with additional commentary regarding the importance of a personal numismatic library.

Bob Pedolsky highlights upcoming YN activities as he is ***Looking Forward to the NCNA Convention and Show***. Young Collectors will certainly be interested in the various activities planned for the Young Collectors Zone at the show.

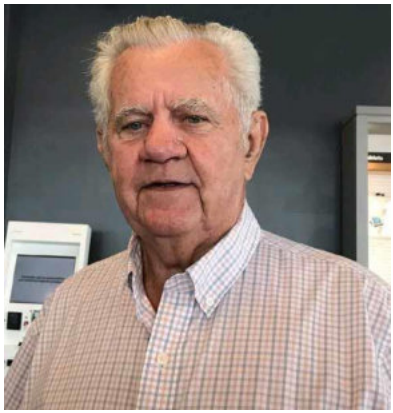
Perry Siegel, in this edition of ***The Ancient Guy***, presents ***The Coinage of the Bar Kochba Revolt and Its Historical Context***. This article from Perry, educates us regarding the Bar Kochba Revolt that took place in Palestine around AD 132-135, with great examples of the associated coinage issued under Jewish authority.

Numismatic historical topics abound in this issue of the journal. Danny Freeman strikes again in ***A Blast from the Past,*** as he shares some interesting history regarding the NCNA. Did you know that the NCNA had its beginnings in an earlier organization known as the NCCCA?

I hope that you'll enjoy reading these articles as much as I did! Please consider submitting one on your favorite numismatic topics too!
Until next time – Greg

Getting to Know Your NCNA Board

By Perry Siegel



Mickey Smith developed the collecting bug at the ripe age of seven years old when his grand-daddy gave him an 1877 Indian head penny. It was bright and shiny, so Mickey put the penny in tissue paper and placed it into his dad's brown watch box. His grand-daddy's other grandchildren had no interest in coin collecting, so eventually another penny made its way to him. Lo and behold, more coins came as gifts each year until Mickey filled up that watch box. He hid the box under his bed and rediscovered it when he got married in 1961. At that time he brought the 1877 Indian head penny into a pawn shop in Spring Lake and was offered $30. Knowing it was worth more but not sure exactly how much, Mickey said "no thank you, I just wanted to know its value." The next stop was the library where he found out its true value as it was worth a couple of hundred dollars. Mickey kept that Indian head penny for almost 40 years!

Mickey worked with a juke box outfit from 1961 to 1967. He repaired the juke boxes and kept them running so people could, of course, feed their coins in where he would then sift through and pick out the valuable ones. Mickey particularly focused on the San Francisco mints figuring they had value since that mint had closed down in 1955. He then took the money he made from those "S" mints to buy better coins. A switch in careers from juke boxes to motorcycles occurred in 1967. Mickey worked for several motorcycle shops, then ultimately started his own motorcycle repair shop in Spring Lake in 1982. A coin shop inside the building seemed like a natural addition, and has been part of the shop ever since.

Sadly, Mickey's son died of viral pneumonia in 1993. At that time he decided to start selling his own at coin shows. He had worked other tables for dealers and helped out at shows selling raffles and whatever else might be needed. Mickey has been a fixture at Carolina shows ever since, averaging about two shows per month. His wife, Hazel, only attended about 4 or 5 shows through all the years, but always encouraged Mickey to do what he loved. She passed away in 2021, and as Mickey likes to say, she put up with him for 60 years! Mickey still has his NCNA gold metal lifetime membership card from about 25 years ago. He has also faithfully served on the NCNA board for four terms and continues to be a board member.

Mickey is an active member of Balm of Gilen Church in Fayetteville where they focus on helping people in need by donating food and clothing. He sings in the choir and is even asked to be a soloist once a month. Mickey also owns a house trailer on Sampson Acres Lake in Spivey Corner, where he and Hazel spent many a time fishing, swimming, and just relaxing. Spivey Corner is known as the hollering capital of the world, as they hold a hollering contest every year. Mickey claims that he can hear them holler from his trailer 5 miles away!

Approximately 8 years ago, Mickey was robbed leaving a show in Lexington. They somehow had a key cut for his new van and emptied it of all its contents. The second part of that story epitomizes this wonderful hobby. Mickey would go to the bathroom at a subsequent show and return to find a five dollar gold piece at his table. He would also receive coins sent anonymously in the mail. Colleagues and friends kept him going. I often wonder if stories like that are why dealers rarely retire! Here's hoping Mickey doesn't retire either so we can continue to enjoy his company at future shows.

About the Cover for this issue of the NCNA Journal …

In this issue of the NCNA Journal we have a bit of North Carolina Exonumia from Paul Horner with an image of a **World War Service Medal**. In November of 1920 the state of North Carolina began issuing these deals to WW I veterans, with over 80,000 men and women eligible. Veterans and other eligible recipients applied through the Red Cross or the Adjutant General's office. Sadly, no records have been found in the North Carolina State Archives or the AG's office. The obverse of the bronze medal reads "WORLD WAR SERVICE" and has the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina. The reverse has a suspension pin at the top of the ribbon. A simple wreath surrounds: "PRESENTED / BY / THE STATE OF / NORTH CAROLINA / TO / (space for recipient's name) / FOR / HONORABLE / SERVICE". Below the wreath: "MADE FOR / H. MAHLERS SONS / RALEIGH N.C. / BY THE ROBBINS CO / ATTLEBORO / MASS."

The only information we have on this is found on the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources website, entitled *Artifact of the Week: "World War Service Medal"* by Jessica A. Bandel, dated February 3, 2017: www.ncdcr.gov/blog/2017/02/03/artifact-week-world-war-service-medal.

Image is courtesy of the Wolfpack Hoard.

ON THE RECORD

By Bill Graves, NCNA Secretary

Picking right up where we left off in the last Journal, I wanted to continue and expand on the idea of placing several indispensable numismatic works in our arsenal.

I'll start with Walter Breen's "The Encyclopedia of Colonial and U.S. Proof Coins". Many professionals and researchers use this reference routinely as guide to not only proofs, but as an in-depth look into many important type coins. It goes without saying that almost anything authored by Walter Breen is still highly regarded, and in many instances, still remains the foremost guide to his targeted subject matter.

Next, if the name Sylvester Crosby doesn't sound familiar, don't beat yourself up. His 1875 works on "The Early Coins of America", is classic. Many still refer to this book as the single greatest book ever written on United States Coinage. Over 100 years since it was first published very little has been discovered as incorrect, and almost no new information regarding identified die varieties has been presented. As a further testament to its relevance, this book has been reprinted 4 times; original copies can run nearly $1,000, and can be difficult to locate.

To add to our list, look to Q. David Bowers as the premier popularizer on American coinage, his works "United States Gold Coins: An Illustrated History" is a must have. The real value of this book is that it is considered to be the best available introductory work on this subject.
As with all of QDB's books, it's well illustrated, and full of basic information essential for any beginning collector purchasing gold coins.

Walter Breen's "Encyclopedia of U.S. Half-Cents" is regarded as a tremendous preview into American numismatics in general as well as a definitive compendium of half-cent die varieties.

Next, back to David Bowers and his "U.S. Coinage: As Illustrated by the Garrett Collection". I'll close with comments regarding the legendary Garrett Sales, which featured the collection of John Hopkins University. Bowers served as principal cataloger for the four sales which his firm conducted between 1979 and 1981, and lead to his writing of this book. This well written guide to American Numismatics is generously illustrated as with all of David's works. The book includes profiles of many famous numismatics personalities, who were contemporaries of the Garretts and helped bring numismatics into its modern era.

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Young Collector's News

Looking Forward to the NCNA Convention and Show

By Bob Pedolsky

Hello YNs of all ages.

With the NCNA show coming up September 30 to October 2, I would like to emphasize some important events that are approaching.
The show itself will have plenty of excitement.

First on the list will be the announcement of a new YN of the year. Last year was very exciting with PT Pridgen from Wilmington, N.C., receiving the award. PT was the youngest winner we've ever had and a very well-deserving young collector. This year applications for the YN of the year are wide open. I would appreciate the YN coordinators from around the state submitting their applicants as soon as possible. I've heard about some possible candidates, but full bios and accomplishments will make the process fair to all. This way, if the committee has any questions, we can get all the information needed to make another outstanding choice. Once again, congratulations to PT and Karen Foster, the YN coordinator for the Lower Cape Fear Coin Club.

The next item of importance is the NCNA YN Scholarship. The application needs to be submitted by December 31, 2022, to be considered for NCNA to award the prize. So, let's start working on the application. The application is on the NCNA web site. With everyone trying to get back to normal it's time for YNs to think about going to the ANA Summer Seminar in 2023. The seminar consists of a week of classes during the day and evening social outings. It's an opportunity to have all your coin questions answered, fun side trips, YN auctions, meeting new people, and making lifelong friendships. Good luck to all applicants. It's an experience not to be missed!

Last year at the NCNA show, the program received a wonderful donation. After the NCNA board explored several ways to monetize the donation, it was agreed that we will get three to five closed bids from dealers at the NCNA convention. The highest bidder will win. I have

been receiving donations for the Charlotte Club for over 20 years and nothing has ever come close to what was given for the NCNA YN program last year. This donation could fully fund the scholarship for two to three years.

At this year's show, a YN Treasure Hunt will officially take place all day on Saturday and 10-2 on Sunday.

There will also be other things, including a Lincoln Wheat cent table for kids to fill their Whitman folder, a color the coin table with crayons, learning posters and plenty of free items for YNs.

For YNs who attend on Friday, we will have prizes and other fun activities for them.

The presentation for the YNs (and parents) will take place at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM on Saturday, and 12:00 Noon on Sunday. The presentation will be on "Coin Hoards and Treasure Discoveries", including some treasures found that haven't been publicized in any coin publication! Come to the presentation to find out what I'm referring to. You will not be disappointed to learn about these three great finds!

Also, we will have the Scout Merit Badge program, conducted by Scott Fox. He does a great job every year and the scouts have a wonderful learning experience.

Next year in this column, I'm hoping to implement some changes that enhance the articles for YNs and to initiate some new ideas I've been working on. If there are any YN coordinators, or members in general who have any suggestions, I welcome all to contact me at rpedolsky@carolina.rr.com or call/text 704-408-8511.

With the YN coordinators from other clubs around the state, we can all work together to improve helping the youth of North Carolina become not only coin collectors, but great students and citizens.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the convention. I hope that you had a great summer, and remember to have fun!

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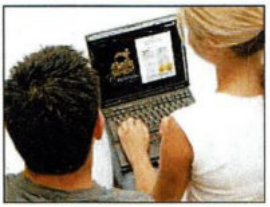

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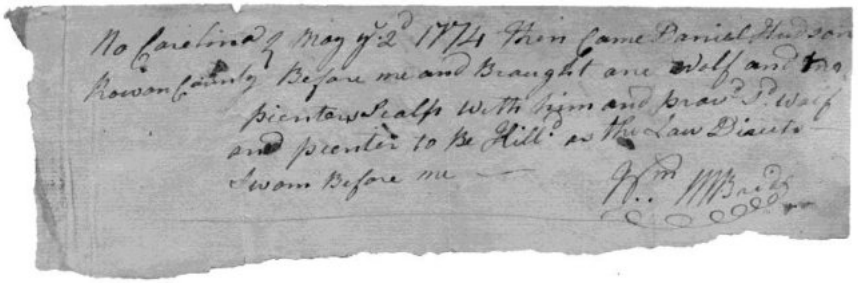
Wolf Scalp Receipts:
A Different Kind of Money!

By Paul Horner

Years ago, cash in North Carolina was not just currency issued by the colonial government or the various (and scarce) coins from foreign lands. In early years in Carolina[1], taxes and debts were paid by necessity in "Country Pay": goods and commodities, and barter. We all learned in school that tobacco was once a form of "currency." From 1740 until 1748 a system was in place where commodities were sent to warehouses and inspected for quality. Inspector's Notes were issued against the value of tobacco and indigo in 1741. These inspector's notes could be used to obtain tobacco from the warehouses and were deemed legal tender for public and private transactions, including payment of taxes. By the end of the Revolution, a plethora of various receipts, tickets, and vouchers were circulating in addition to the many issues of colonial and state currency, coins, and counterfeits of every kind. This brings us to today's topic: *Wolf Scalp Receipts:* A different kind of money!

For the three wolf scalp certificates illustrated, the quaint misspellings have been retained in the captions: the reader should understand the intent. Proper name spellings and county official's positions were verified and corrected from the Rowan County Pleas and Quarters minutes and abstracts. Amounts are the author's calculations based on the current act in force[2].



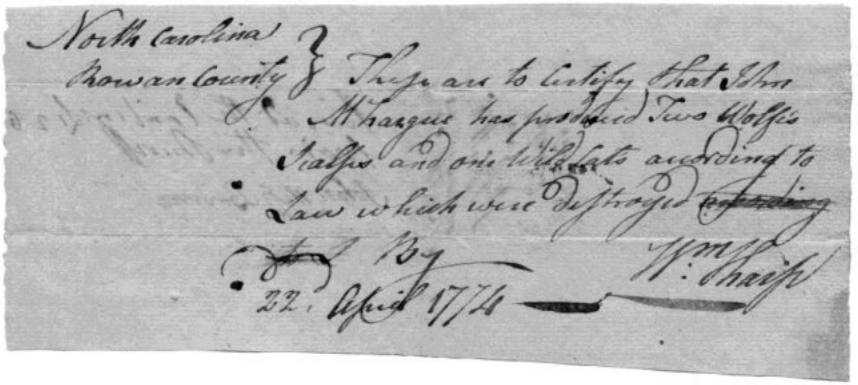
"No. Carolina § Rowan County May y. 2d 1774 Thin came David Hudson / Before me and brought one wolf and two / pienter scalp with him and provd S. Wolf / and pienter to be kill'd As the law Directs / Sworn Before me / Wm McBride"

Notes: One wolf + two panthers = 10 shillings each = 1 pound 10 shillings Proclamation money [3,4] .
William McBride was a Court Justice in 1773 and 1774.

Wolves were universally feared and hated. Borrowing from European tradition, eradication of wolves and other pests was official policy, with bounties paid for killing them throughout the colonies and Canada. The various colonies had statutes early on for extermination of wolves. Virginia passed its first wolf bounty act in 1632. North Carolina joined the extermination movement in 1715 with *An Act to Encourage the Destroying of Vermin. "…for every Wolfe taken in a Trap or Snare the sum of Ten Shillings for every Wolfe killed with a Gun or Dogge Five Shillings for every Panther Ten Shillings for Every Wild Cat Two Shillings & six pence…"* At least 51 acts were passed in North Carolina between 1715 and 1893 concerning the killing of wolves and various other varmints. From 1715-1757, and the acts of 1764 and 1777, the vermin bounty acts related to "This Province" (statewide). From 1758 and onward the acts indicated specific counties. Bounties were paid at various times in different counties for grown wolves, young wolves, crows, squirrels, young and grown bears, panthers, blackbirds, wildcats, and finally in 1893 the catamount[5]. At least North Carolina was not plagued with the Lycanthrope. Wolves, panthers, and wildcats were most commonly specified. The scalp, with both ears for mammals or the heads for birds, were required to be presented to a Justice of the Peace or magistrate in the county where the pest was dispatched. An oath was required swearing that the wolf or other beast was taken in the county according to law and that a female wolf was not spared (professional wolf hunters often did not care to eliminate their source of income). The official then destroyed the "evidence" on the spot and issued a certificate that described the species and number of vermin presented, the recipient, dated and signed by the official. Extant examples seen have a November dated back endorsement that seem to indicate they were used to pay year end property and poll taxes.

The monetary amount allowed is not stated on any of the North Carolina certificates seen by the author (13 total). A listing of claims due to be paid by the county was entered in the minutes of the November term of the Court of Pleas and Quarters each year. This listing included the hunters' names, number of wolves, panthers and wildcats killed and the amounts due to be paid[2].

The act in force designated how the certificate could be redeemed. These certificates were paid by the county court and were receivable for taxes. They were only redeemable in the county that issued them. Most acts of 1794 and later simply provided that they be paid by the county treasurer or other official from county funds.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Scalps and one Wild Cats according to
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By
22. April 1774 Wm Sharpe

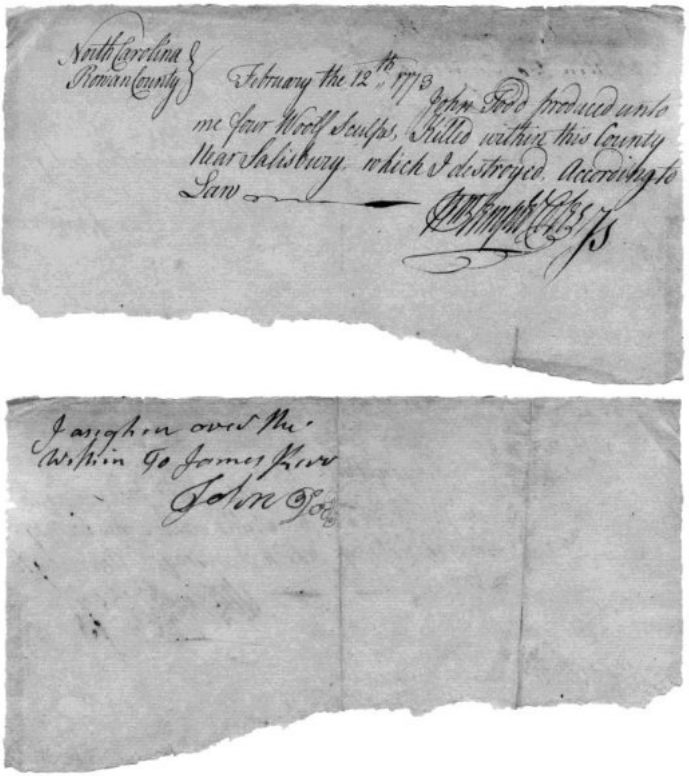
"North Carolina § Rowan County / These are to certify that John / Mahargue has produced Two Wolfes / Scalps and one Wild Cats according to / Law which were destroyed (according ((struck out)) / (to law struck through) by Wm Sharp / 22 April 1774"

Notes: ***Two wolves @ 10 shillings each + one wild cat @ 2 shillings 6 pence = 1 pound 2 shillings 6 pence*** **Proclamation money.** ***William Sharp was a Magistrate in 1774 and later a Justice in Rowan County.***

They did not have any legal tender status, bore no interest, and so were not intended to actually circulate. However, there was no restriction in any of the acts as to assigning these to another person, *"...any person having a certificate from any such magistrate..." (Acts of 1764, 1769, 1773 and others, see references).* A few examples have a back endorsement to another person, see the next pictured example.

The bounty for a grown wolf was set at 10 shillings in 1715 and stayed there until 1769. In 1769 the bounty was lowered to 7 shillings 6 pence and gradually rose to 5 dollars by 1893. A few acts (but not all) beginning in 1777 prescribed a lower bounty for a wolf 6 months or younger. Panthers were worth 10 shillings from 1715-1764, wildcats 2 shillings 6 pence, squirrels from 2 to 6 pence, crows were worth a shilling in 1760 but only 4 pence in 1785. In 1760 blackbirds were valued at 2 shillings for *50* birds in Hyde County. Bear bounties started in 1785 with an unspecified amount and topped out at 4 pounds in 1796. In 1893 both panthers *and* catamounts were bountied at 5 dollars. Individual counties were responsible for financing bounties for vermin. Many early acts specified the county would "lay a tax" to finance wolf killing. In 1792 and later, the tax was "not to exceed 6 pence each poll, 2 pence per 100 acres."

Wolf Scalp Certificates from North Carolina are quite scarce. One is found in the North Carolina State Archives from Carteret County. All the North Carolina wolf scalp receipts seen by your author are entirely handwritten. These certificates were issued all over the state. It is the author's opinion that these certificates were used almost exclusively for paying year end county taxes, and were seldom if ever transferred from person to person for personal debts. Also, I propose that the 14 Rowan County certificates known to myself were all "rescued" from a "house cleaning" at the Rowan County courthouse in years past.


North Carolina §
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February the 12th 1773 John Todd produced unto me four Wolf Scalps, Killed within this County near Salisbury which I destroyed according to Law

I assign over the within To James Kerr

John Todd

"North Carolina § Rowan County / February 12th 1773 John Todd produced unto / me four Wolf Scalps, Killed within this County / near Salisbury, which I destroyed, according to / Law (signed) HB (?) JS"
Verso: "I assign over this / wikin (?) to James Kerr / John Todd"

Notes: ***4 wolves @ 10 shillings each = 2 pounds proc.***
The signing official could not be determined, "JS" is possibly an abbreviation for "Justice". James Kerr ran a tavern in Salisbury and was also the high sheriff of Rowan County in 1774. This certificate may have been to either pay off a personal debt or most likely to pay taxes. At this time in North Carolina the sheriff was the tax collector.

Wolves and panthers were essentially eradicated in North Carolina by the mid-19th century. In 1980 the red wolf, *Canis lupus rufus*, was declared extinct in the wild. A small group has been reintroduced in Eastern North Carolina in the Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge. In the spring of 2022, a litter of red wolves was born, bringing the population of the rarest canine predator in the wild to about 20 animals.

Footnotes

1. North and South Carolina were not divided until about 1712. The actual date is disputed to this day, and the precise borders were not defined for many years.
2. As luck would have it…The entries for 1773 are not there because the Pleas & Quarters Court reauthorization had not passed the legislature. The 1774 entries are unreadable on the microfilm copy. A printed abstract of the Court minutes for 1774 lists the names but not the amounts. Rats.
3. 12 pence (penny) = 1 shilling. 20 shillings = 1 pound. Other 18th century English coin denominations, such as the farthing, halfpenny, two pence, three pence, six pence, florin, crown and guinea, are not relevant to this discussion.
4. Proclamation (*proc.*) money referred to the proclamation rate of 4 pounds North Carolina currency being equivalent to 3 pounds sterling. This was first established by *Queen Anne's Proclamation of 1704.*
5. Certificates have been seen only for wolves, panthers and wildcats [illustrations.] Certificates for other vermin were certainly issued, but surviving examples are not documented.

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1723 *An Act for Destroying Squirrels.*
1740 *An Act to Enable the Justices of Tyrrell County to build a Warehouse on Scuppernongs, for receiving of his Majesty's Quit-Rents.*
1760 *An Act for destroying Crows, Blackbirds and Squirrels in the County of Hyde*
1764 *An Act for Destroying Vermin in this Province*
1769 *An Act to encourage the destroying of Vermin in the several Counties therein mentioned.*
1771 *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to encourage the Destroying of Vermin in the several Counties therein mentioned.*
1773 *An Act to encourage the destroying of Vermin in the several Counties therein mentioned.*
1774 *An Act to Enforce an Act, entitled, An Act to encourage the destroying of Vermin in the several Counties therein mentioned, passed in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-three.*
1777 *An Act to encourage the destroying Vermin in the Several Counties of this State.*
1785 *An Act for Destroying Wolves, Wildcats, Panthers, Bears, Crows and Squirrels in the Several Counties Therein Mentioned.*
1792 *An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves, Wild-Cats, Panthers and Bears in the County of Carteret.*
1893 *An act to encourage the killing of certain wild animals*

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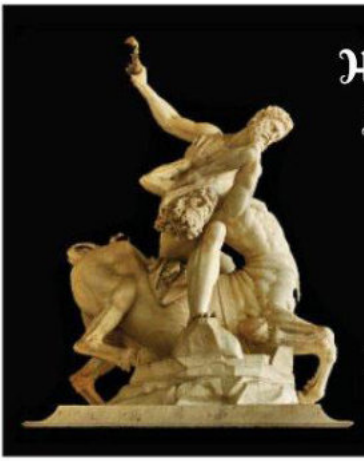

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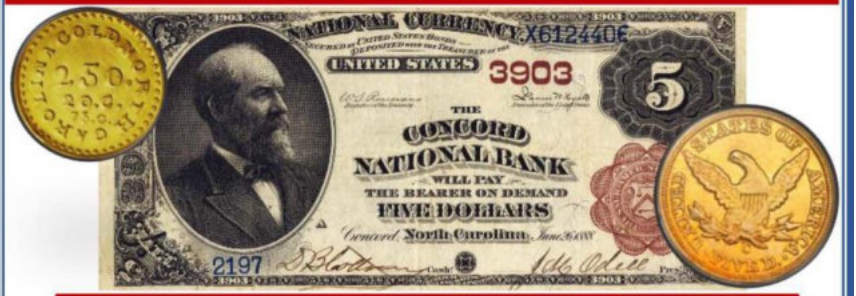

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World War II OPA Tokens

By Duane Higgins

The **Office of Price Administration** (**OPA**) was established on August 28, 1941. The functions of the OPA were originally to control prices and rents after the outbreak of WWII. The OPA had the power to place ceilings on all prices except agricultural commodities, and to ration scarce supplies of other items, including tires, automobiles, shoes, nylon, sugar, gasoline, fuel oil, coffee, meats and processed foods. At the peak, almost 90% of retail food prices were frozen.

Actual rationing started in 1942, during World War II. Items that were rationed include canned goods, meats, sugar, coffee, tires, gas, etc. The Office of Price Administration used ration stamps and vouchers for rationing, the smallest being 10 points. Because people objected to using a 10 point stamp when only needing to use 5 points, OPA tokens were created for retailers to give change back for items bought using ration stamps at an exchange rate of 1 point per token. An example: a customer would buy meat that required 5 points but the smallest stamp was 10 points. The merchant would give 5 red tokens as change to be used later.

Backing up a bit, the OPA must have learned that the merchants and their customers were objecting to the usage of the stamps, so OPA solicited bids from 104 vendors to manufacture two billion tokens within 6 months. The requirement was the tokens had to be light weight, non-toxic, non-poisonous, durable, tough, non-fading, chemically inert, unbreakable, unbending, incombustible, resistant to water, not work in telephones, not be confused with U.S. money, easily counted & handled and difficult to counterfeit. These requirements were met by a disk made of vulcanized fiber (celluloid), .88 inch diameter with a red or blue outside, and a yellowish-orange center. Each had 2 control letters flanking the "1". The diameter was reduced to .642 inch diameter when convinced that more tokens could be made using less material.

From the 104 bid solicitations, just 3 bids were received and only 1 able to meet the requested deadline. The Dayton Acme Co., owner of Osborne Register Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio signed a contract in October 1943. Employment increased from 100 employees to 1,200 by hiring inexperienced women (housewives) over 45 years old. By working 3 shifts 7 days a week, the order was completed in 90 days

following delays in designing special presses which struck 5 tokens at a time plus the problems of acquiring the raw materials.

14,000 banks throughout the nation volunteered to be distributors for the OPA ration tokens. Those banks could order the OPA tokens in minimum quantities of 5,000 beginning in February 1944. Usage of these tokens was relatively short lived. Between November 24 & December 11, 1945, businesses were asked to return all tokens. The dates were extended a couple of times until finally after Jan. 31, 1946 no further tokens were accepted by the government. A total of 1.75 billion red tokens and 1 billion blue tokens were manufactured.

Blue tokens: The design on the token is: "OPA BLUE POINT" around the rim, with a star between each word and a large number 1 flanked by two small letters in the center. Blue tokens were used to purchase processed foods.

Red tokens: The design on the token is: "OPA RED POINT" around the rim, with a star between each word and a large number 1 flanked by two small letters in the center. Red tokens could be used to purchase meats, fats, fish and cheese.

Nobody has found a true reason for the letters on the OPA tokens. Theories include: they are random, demographics, and prevention of counterfeiting.

The 30 letter combinations known on the red tokens are: HC, HT, MM, MV, TH, TY, UC, UH, UT, UV, UX, UY, VC, VH, VT, VU, VX, VY, XC, XH, XT, XU, XV, XY, YC, YH, YT, YU, YV, YX.
The 24 letter combinations known on the blue tokens are: CC, CH, CT, CV, CX, HH, HU, HV, HX, HY, TC, TT, TU, TV, TX, UU, VV, WC, WH, WT, WU, WW, XX, YY

The KEY is the red 'MV' of which (I have read) an estimated 800 were released. Easy to remember "MV" (Most Valuable"). The next rarest is the red MM, then XC and YC. The rarest blue is WC, then WH, WW, CX, CT, CV, WU and HX. The rest are fairly easy to find.

Error OPA tokens have a premium over those without errors.

What happened to left-over and returned tokens? The U.N. Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, which operated refugee and displaced person camps in Europe accepted a million tokens for use as an exchange medium. Considerable quantities were sold to Greece and other countries for use during the reconstruction period after the war. Many of these tokens were most likely blue tokens that were still in storage which would possibly explain why blue tokens are more scarce than red in this country.

Meat Ration Tokens were produced by the Canadian Government from September 9, 1945 to March 26, 1947. The exchange rate was 8 tokens per stamp. This token was also made of a similar vulcanized fiber about the size of a quarter.

That blue token is stamped on both sides with the following: "MEAT" above the hole in disk, "VIANDE" below hole, "CANADA" along the top curve of the disk, "RATION" along the bottom curve.

Thanks to Don Mead of Wichita, Kansas for his research and knowledge, having lived during this period.

RED OPA'S	BLUE OPA'S
HC 40c	CC 80c
HT 40c	CH 80c
MM $5.00	CT $2.00
MV $235.00	CV $2.00
TH 40c	CX $4.00
TY 40c	HH 80c
UC 40c	HU 80c
UH 40c	HV 80C
UT 40c	HX $2.00
UV 40c	HY 80c
UX 40c	TC 80c
UY 40c	TT 80c
VC 40c	TU 80c
VH 40c	TV 80c
VT 40c	TX 80c
VU 40c	UU 80c
VX 40c	VV 80c
VY 40c	WC $10.00
XC $2.00	WH $8.00
XH 40c	WT 80c
XT 40c	WU $2.00
XU 40c	WW $4.00
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YC $2.00	
YH 40c	
YT 40c	
YU 40c	
YV 40c	
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The stated values are the "Red Book" type values. Amounts dealers wish they were able to get. Realistic values are about 50% of those listed.

Image courtesy of the Duane Higgins.

The Coinage of the Bar Kochba Revolt and it's Historical Context

By Perry Siegel

In the year 334 B.C., Alexander the Great conquered the Persian Empire and the region of the land of Palestine, which had been under the control of the Persian Empire for approximately 200 years. This set into motion a series of events that created centuries of the continuation of shifting power in this volatile region of the world. When Alexander died in 323 B.C., the control of the vast regions conquered by him were filled by the powerful generals ("Diadochi") that had served under him, but the region of Palestine was hotly contested between Ptolemy I and Antigonus. The region ultimately came under the control of Seleukos I, who established what became known as the Seleukid dynasty. This Greek rulership with their Hellenizing influence was in direct conflict with the religiously observant Jews of the region, and in 168-165 B.C. they successfully rebelled against Antiochos IV, the current Seleukid king. This rebellion became known as the famous Maccabean Revolt, which is commemorated with the modern Chanukah holiday celebration.

Silver tetradrachm depicting Antiochos IV and Zeus crowned by Nike.

A dynasty of Jewish rulers known as the Hasmonean dynasty followed beginning in 164 B.C. This was, sadly, a series of Judean Kings who were unable to maintain peace among their population and had tremendous competition among the family members for control of the

region. Ultimately, a tragic maneuver was established by Aristobulus to invite the forces under the control of Pompey the Great of Rome to assist in wresting control from John Hyrcanus II, with the ultimate outcome being the successful entry of the Roman Empire into the region as the true power in 63 B.C. Herod the Great was eventually installed as a vassal king by the Romans and ruled from 37 B.C. until his death in 4 B.C., but the true power lay in Rome.

The resentment by the Jewish people of Rome's domination reached the boiling point in A.D. 66, leading to what is known as the First Revolt or Jewish War. The Jews had been subjected to heavy Roman taxation and the financial hardships became intolerable. This was not a local revolt, but a full scale war. This Jewish War lasted from A.D. 66-70, with a catastrophic defeat for the Jews culminating at Masada in A.D. 70. A very striking aspect of the First Revolt is that a primary historical source exists, which are the writings of Josephus, who had personally witnessed the Roman war against the Jews. Also of great interest are the coins struck during this Jewish War. They represented the first time Judaea struck silver coins, as neither the Seleukids nor Romans had allowed the Jews to do so. These silver shekels were uniform in weight, purity, and

Silver shekel dated year two in Hebrew, featuring an omer cup and sprig of three pomegranates.

Bronze prutah dated year two in Hebrew, depicting an amphora with broad rim and two handles and grape leaf on a vine.

shape, a rather remarkable feat considering the ongoing civil war. They were used as currency but also to make a statement of independence, with one side reading, “Sheqel of Israel,” and the other, “Jerusalem the holy.” The bronze coins, used as small change in the marketplace, were even bolder in their statements with the prutah for example stating, “the freedom of Zion.”

Subsequently, the domination of Rome continued, and a second lesser known revolt occurred in A.D. 115-117, the Kitos War, and sometimes referred to as the Second Revolt. There were no formal coins minted during that time by the Jews who were involved in this failed revolt, and that revolt only partially was waged in Judaea itself. Finally, a third revolt occurred against the Roman domination under the emperor Hadrian by the charismatic leader Simon Ben Kosiba (better known as Simon Bar Kochba), with the rebellion referred to as the Bar Kochba Revolt. There were claims at the time that Bar Kochba was the Messiah, particularly by the rabbinical leader Rabbi Akiva, which was clearly a controversial position. This resulted in differences of support among the Jews of the time for this strong and charismatic leader. Very little direct documentation of the Bar Kochba Revolt exists (unlike the primary source of Josephus for the First Revolt), but in the 1960’s a cave in the Judaean desert was discovered (“Cave of Letters”) where refugees from the war presumably hid out for a period of time, and some letters possibly written by Bar Kochba himself were discovered and are now in museums.

Year three zuz struck upon a denarius of Hadrian with his portrait clearly visible at 3 o'clock on the reverse and Latin from 6-9 o'clock on the obverse. Depicts on the obverse the paleo-Hebrew legend 'Simon' within a wreath of thin branches wrapped around eight almonds, and on the reverse 'for the freedom of Jerusalem' around an elongated three-stringed lyre.

The Bar Kochba Revolt lasted for 4 years (from A.D. 132-135), with initial successes and the minting of coins, along with Bar Kochba assuming the position of “Nasi” or prince of the Jewish people. The

designs reflect the traditional Jewish taboo on portraying the human form, although they carry the image of the long-destroyed Great Temple, which the rebels hoped to rebuild. Coins of the Bar Kochba Revolt were struck over existing Roman coins, often with remnants of the under type visible, unlike in the First Revolt where the Jews struck their own coins. Bar Kochba's historically important coins would mark an end to the minting of Jewish coins in antiquity.

Year two sela struck over a Roman tetradrachm from Antioch. The obverse shows a showbread table within the facade of the Temple at Jerusalem with 'Jersualem' in Hebrew around, and the reverse a lulav (palm branch which is joined with myrtle and willow branches) and etrog (citron fruit) with 'year 2 of the Freedom of Israel' in Hebrew around.

This revolt often referred to as the Second Revolt, is more accurately known as the Third Revolt according to those that recognize the Kitos War as the Second Revolt. Many attribute this revolt to the oppressive Roman rule under the Provincial governor Quintus Tineius Rufus. The Jews mounted an intense guerilla war against the Romans, forcing the emperor Hadrian to send the highly regarded general Julius Severus and deploy a large and costly legionary force to crush the insurgency. The success of the Roman scorched earth policy was complete, and a decision was made by Hadrian to largely end all Jewish occupation of the region. As a result, the "diaspora" of the Jews out of Judaea is often dated to have begun with this disastrous failure of the Bar Kochba Revolt.

Although there continued to be a limited Jewish presence in the area, for all practical purposes there was no significant Jewish power center in the area of Palestine for the next 1,800 years until the emergence of the State of Israel in 1948.

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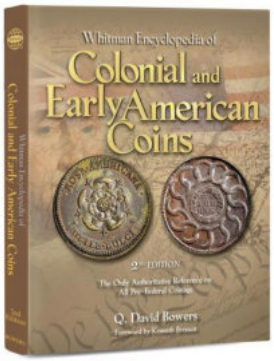

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Whitman Encyclopedia of Colonial and Early American Coins

by Q. David Bowers

This book belongs on every coin collector's book shelf. This 2nd edition covers all aspects of colonial era coins used in early America. Each series is covered in detail with nearly all listed varieties being pictured in color along with rarity and prices in several grades. This book is not just a "picture book" as it is also a great source of the history of these coins. Bowers writes with an easy reading style, making the introductory chapters a pleasure to read. The catalog section has each coin assigned a *Whitman Number* with each entry cross referenced to other specialized texts. For either the budding numismatist or the seasoned collector, this book is a "must have". The cover price is $49.95 but it can often be found discounted.

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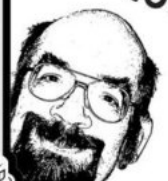

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Looking at Two-Cent Pieces Again

By Mark Benvenuto

The calls for abolishing our one-cent coin appear to have quieted down for the moment. Broadly, the issue seems to come and go based on a lot of factors, such as inflation, purchasing power, or whether or not Congress is crying out to cut waste from an annual budget. When Canada ceased production of its one-cent coin a decade ago, there were several years shortly after in which a person could argue that more Canadian cents were circulating in U.S. states just south of the Great Lakes than were still circulating in Canada proper. That was a time in which there was some serious scrutiny of our own cent. But right now the savings in making quarters – costing approximately 9.6¢ per piece – appears to outweigh the expense of making one-cent pieces at a loss, and so the subject has gone quiet. But with this lull, why not look again at a coin that our nation used for quite a while, and that might just be useful again as a piece of small change, the two-cent pieces?

It was 1864 that saw the two-cent pieces first issued from the Mint in Philadelphia, for use in a nation split apart, and one that was in dire need of small change for everyday commerce. Indeed, the 1864 issue of two-cent pieces was fairly large, with just over 19.8 million to the official tally, in two different varieties based on the size of the lettering in the motto "In God we trust." The next year saw a mintage of 13.6 million, and the third year, 1866, saw a sharp drop to 3.1 million produced.

Right here we can say that it looks like even in its day the two-cent piece was a coin that was not particularly well received. But it might be wise to try and put the coins in some sort of context before making this judgement. First, the Mint had shifted from the established large cent to a much smaller one in 1856 – a size we still use today. By 1864 the cent had switched from a Flying Eagle design to the now-famous Indian Head. Going back to 1857 the Mint had been pounding out more than 10 million small cents per year, with the year 1863 reaching 49.8 million. The new two-cent pieces had to compete with all that. As well, in 1866 the Mint unveiled a new coin, the base metal five-cent piece that we know today as the Shield nickel. There were 14.7 million of them pounded out in 1866 alone, meaning the two-cent piece had these as competition also.

The fourth year of issue for the two-cent pieces saw another dip, but not the plunge it had seen as 1865 turned into '66. There were 2.9 million

more of these still-new coppers added to the grand total. For collectors today, any mintage total over a million makes the coin pretty common.

The downward slide for two-cent production continued through 1871, but continued at a relatively slow pace. The year 1871 was the last to see a mintage in the hundreds of thousands, with 721,250 listed as the official Mint total. Prices for these are a bit higher than the much more common ones of earlier years; but they are still available for any determined collector.

The final two years of the two-cent piece series are where the just plain crazy, bark-at-the-moon rarities are nestled. In 1872 the Mint only pounded out 65,000 of them. That's more than 300 times less than what they churned out back in 1864, which means the fine folks in Philly might actually have been able to make all the 1872's in a day or two of work. Needless to say, the 1872 is an expensive piece today.

The last hurrah for the two-cent pieces is the proof-only year of 1873 in which something to the tune of 600 proof versions of these coppers were made. It is logical to expect each one of these to cost an absurd amount, yet there is a pleasant surprise here. Since the two-cent pieces are one of those series that never sees the buzz and limelight like some other series (think Morgan and Peace dollars, for example), the proofs for 1873 are not all that expensive. The same goes for the proofs made for the earlier years. Oh, their cost won't qualify as pocket change, and never will. But for something like $750 a person could snag one of these in a grade such as PF-63. That might seem expensive, but it's about half the price of a 1916-D Mercury dime in a rather worn condition like fine, F-12. It seems like the two-cent pieces are indeed quite under collected.

Should Congress realize that a 2¢ coin would generate some savings in the national budget, costing less than to make than the face value of the coin, we might see a resurrection of this denomination, one that has been forgotten by just about everyone except those of us in the collecting community. It would be doubly impressive if any new two-cent coin was unveiled still bearing the design first used back in 1864 – an idea we now have precedent for with our modern releases of classic coins. Whether the Mint does or doesn't decide to resurrect the two-cent piece, the thought might still be just enough reason for us to start a collection of these classic coppers right now. Good luck to those of us who undertake the challenge.

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A Blast From The Past ...

By: Daniel M. Freeman, NCNA LM#113

I enjoy researching history. History by its very definition means "old". I like old things, except for stale crackers and out of date beer. Nothing worse than having your mouth all ready for a swallow of crisp, ice cold beer and get flat, no taste, "what the heck is this ??" Wars have started that way. I looked it up. Anyway, I started researching the history of the NCNA. One morning when I was trapped in the office at work and things were slow, I made a trip to the "Newman Numismatic Portal" on the internet. I started looking for anything that mentioned the NCNA. Things started out when I was 3 years old in 1959. Mr. E.J. Stoker, a past President of the Greensboro Coin Club called for a meeting of coin clubs and collectors on April 11th of that year in Greensboro to organize a statewide association. It was decided that the association would hold an annual convention each fall, and it would be known as the NCCCA (North Carolina Coin Clubs Association). Temporary officers were chosen to lead the effort until the 1st convention was held on October 9th & 10th in Greensboro. They were Charles B. Robinson / President, James T. Phaegin / 1st VP, Dr. J.D. Cochrane / 2nd VP, J.W.B. Bason / Sec-Treasurer, and James W. Jackson Jr. / Corresponding Secretary. The 1st NCCCA Convention had over 23 dealers, several large exhibits of Charlotte & Bechtler Gold, lectures, and Mr. George Walton displayed a 1913 Liberty Head Nickel. Not bad for the very first one! The NCCCA was on its way! Not to be confused with "All the way…with LBJ" please!

The 2nd NCCCA Convention was held in Asheville on October 12-14th, 1960 at the "Land of the Sky George Vanderbilt Hotel" and was a huge success! Several numismatic magazines stated that although it was small as related to other state shows, there was a large amount of money changing hands.

The 3rd NCCCA Convention took place in Durham at the Jack Tar Hotel on October 13th-15th, 1961. Now I wish I could time-travel. Dr. Conway Bolt, a North Carolina native displayed his collection of over 50 pieces of Bechtler Gold. He won 1st prize in the exhibits competition. Mr. John Jay Pittman, a newly elected ANA Governor was on hand all 3 days to present lectures on the joys of coin collecting. I would have the honor of meeting him and talking with him at shows in the late 1970's and early 1980's. He was a "Collector's Collector". I have never known anyone as

fervent as he was about the hobby. I mean hey, way back in 1954 he talked his wife into taking out a mortgage on their home, and then they flew all the way across the big pond to bid on coins in the "King Farouk Sale" that was being held by Sotheby & Company of London for The Republic of Egypt. Case closed!!

I am going to continue my research on the early days of the NCNA and I need your help. Please, if you have any knowledge of or clippings from coin magazines about the NCNA, let me know. You can call or text me at 910-740-6751, and email me at southerngoldcoins@yahoo.com.

Until next time….

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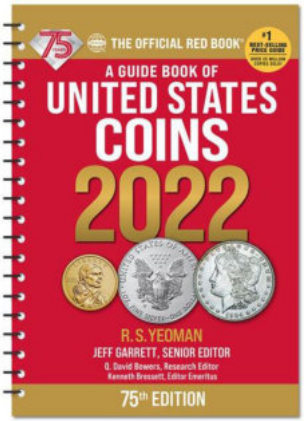

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Updates should be sent to Greg Cheek at ghcheek@earthlink.net or Greg Cheek – NCNA, PO Box 185, Yadkinville, NC 27055.

Thanks in advance for your help with keeping other NCNA members updated and aware of your club's organization changes, events and projects.

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Meeting Location	Date
Charlotte Coin Club Show - Charlotte	Feb. 12, 2022
Azalea Festival Coin Show - Wilmington	April 9, 2022
Raleigh Money Expo - Raleigh Coin Show - Raleigh	June 18, 2022
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NCNA Convention - General Membership - Concord	Oct. 1, 2022
Carolina Coin & Stamp Show – Raleigh	Nov. 19, 2022

NCNA Local Club Outreach & Coordination

NCNA BOD Directors Bill Graves and Danny Freeman have reached out to local clubs for updated contact and other information, which has been posted on the NCNA website. They are continuing to reach out to local coin clubs and facilitate forums for sharing ideas and forming partnerships. Please feel free to contact Bill or Danny, as they are very interested in your ideas and suggestions.

NCNA Website (http://www.NCNA.CLUB)

The NCNA website is an important tool for sharing information with the membership. Alan Stullenbarger currently serves as our webmaster, with Perry Siegel providing administration for the website. Local club representatives should send all local club contact updates and news to Perry Siegel. Please send all coin and stamp show updates to Bill Graves.

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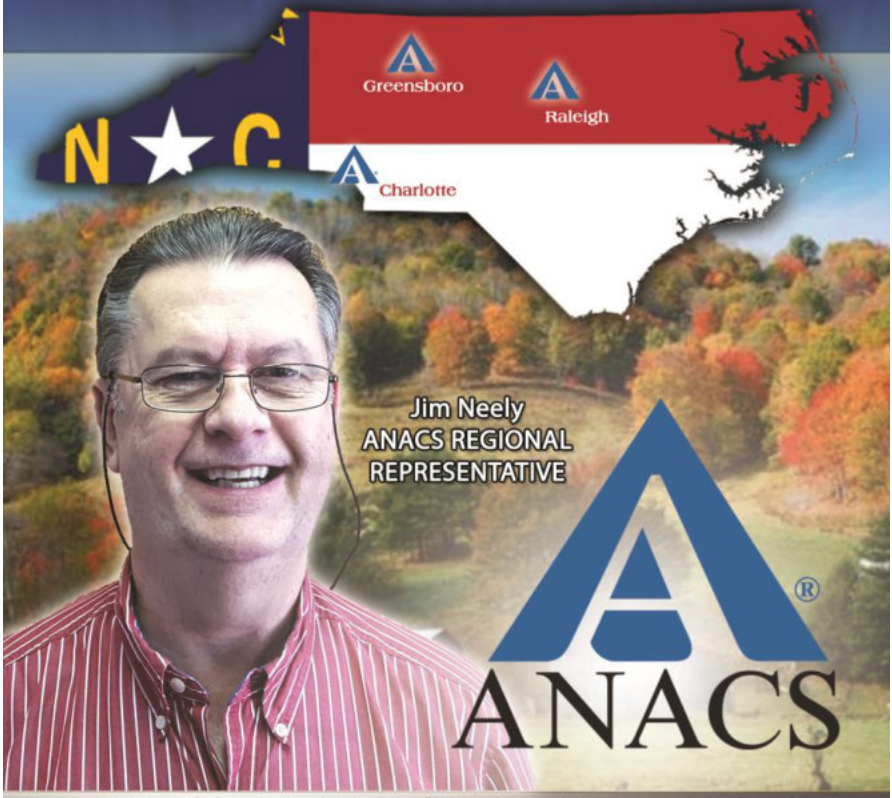

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